

Reasons for Allowance

1. This application has been examined.
2. The RCE and IDS filed 12/28/07 have been entered.
3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. This was made to cancel out the rejected claims, and to correct the claims with the 101 rejection. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In independent claim 19 line 1, between "program" and "product" please insert "storage"

In independent claim 19 line 2, between "program" and "product" please insert "storage"

In independent claim 19 line 3, between "useable" and "medium" please insert "storage"

In independent claim 20 line 1, between "program" and "product" please insert "storage"

Please cancel claims 1-11, 15-18, and 21-22.

4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Soundararajan on 4/8/08.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Examiner's Amendment 4/8/08, in combination with the amendment filed 6/25/07 place the application into condition for allowance. The Examiner's Amendment remedies the 101 issue with claims 19-20 and cancels the rejected claims. An updated search was made, and even in view of the newly cited IDS, the independent claims as now recited (12 – method, 19 - computer storage product) are not set forth in the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P. Sax whose telephone number is (571) 272-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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